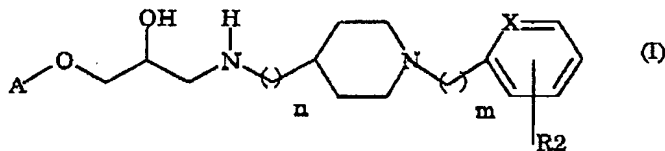




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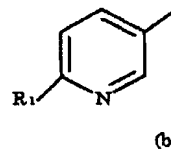
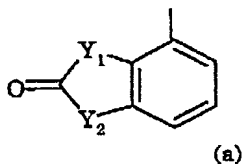
1. **(previously presented)** A compound of formula (I):



where

X is N or CH;

A represents a group of formula (a) or (b)



R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or an -NH₂, -NR₃R₄, -NR₃CO(C₁-C₄)Alk or -NR₃SO₂(C₁-C₄)Alk group;

R₂ represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)Alk, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, -COOH, -COO (C₁-C₄)Alk, -CN, -CONR₃R₄, -NO₂, or -NHSO₂(C₁-C₄)Alk group;

m and n each represent 0, 1 or 2;

R₃ and R₄ each represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)Alk group;

Y₁ and Y₂ each represent NH or O;

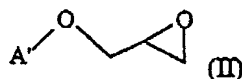
or a salt or solvate thereof.

2. **(previously presented)** A compound as claimed in claim 1, where X represents CH.

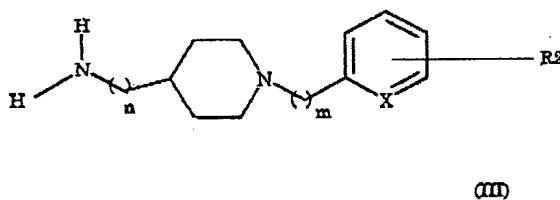
3. **(previously presented)** A compound as claimed in claim 1, where X represents a nitrogen atom and the R₂ group is in the 5-position.

4. **(previously presented)** A compound as claimed in claim 1, where the (C₁-C₄)Alk group is a methyl or ethyl group.

5. **(previously presented)** A compound as claimed in claim 1, where R_2 is chosen from $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{Alk}$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CONR}_3\text{R}_4$ and $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{Alk}$.
6. **(previously presented)** 3-[1-(5-Ethoxycarbonylpyrid-2-yl)-4-piperidinylamino]-1-(1,2-dihydro-2-oxobenzimidazol-4-yloxy)-2-propanol or a salt or solvate thereof.
7. **(previously presented)** 3-[1-(5-Ethoxycarbonylpyrid-2-yl)-4-piperidinylamino]-1-[2-aminopyrid-5-yloxy]-2-propanol or a salt or solvate thereof.
8. **(previously presented)** A process for the preparation of the compound of claim 1 wherein an epoxide of formula (II):

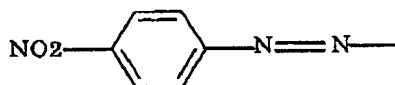


in which A' represents the group (a) or the group (b) in which R_1 is optionally protected, where (a), (b) and R_1 are as defined in claim 1, is reacted with an amine of formula (III)

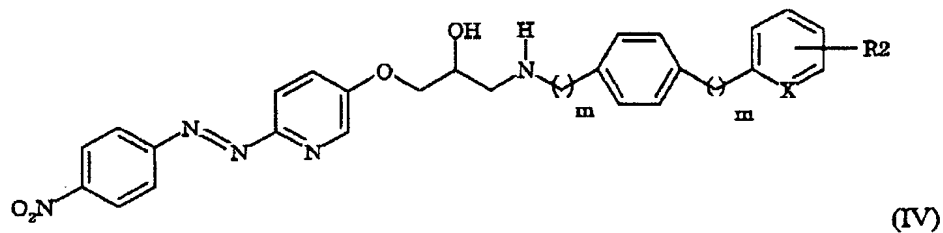


where m , n , R_2 and X are as indicated above, the protective group optionally present is removed and, optionally, the product of formula (I) thus obtained is converted into one of its salts or solvates.

9. **(previously presented)** A process for the preparation of the compound of claim 1 where A represents a group (b) and R_1 is an NH_2 group, wherein a product of formula (II) as defined in claim 8 where A' is the group (b) and R_1 is a group of formula:

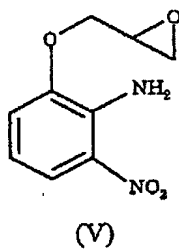


is reacted with an amine of formula III and the product of formula IV thus obtained:

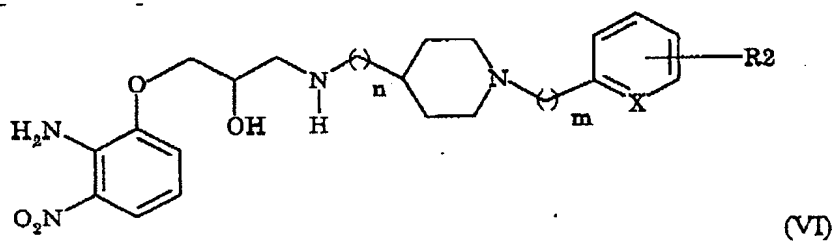


is subjected to a hydrogenation reaction in order to convert the 4-nitrophenyldiazenyl group to an amino group and, optionally, the product of formula (I) thus obtained is converted into one of its salts or solvates.

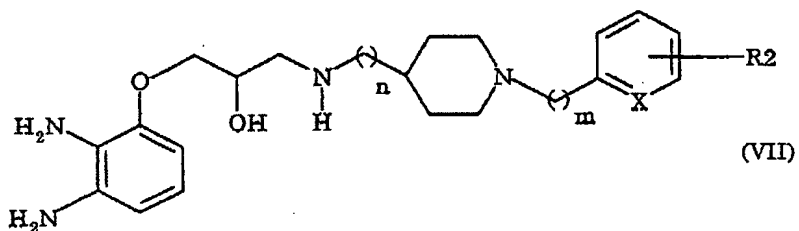
10. **(previously presented)** A process for the preparation of the compound of claim 1 where A represents the group (a) and Y_1 and Y_2 represent a nitrogen atom, wherein a compound of formula (V):



is reacted with a compound of formula (III) as defined in claim 8, the nitro group of the product of formula (VI) thus obtained:



is reduced, the product of formula (VII) thus obtained:



is treated with a carbonylation agent, the product of formula (I) thus obtained is isolated and, optionally, is converted into one of its salts or solvates.

11. **(previously presented)** A process as claimed in claim 10 wherein the carbonylation agent is chosen from carbonyldiimidazole and phosgene.

12. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of claim 1 as active principle.

13. **(cancelled)**

14. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

15. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

16. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

17. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

18. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

19. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

20. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

21. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

22. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

23. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

24. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

25. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

26. **(currently amended)** A method for treating irritable bowel syndrome, for treating obesity, for treating diabetes, ~~for treating psychosis~~, for treating glaucoma, ~~for treating depression~~, for preventing or delaying premature labor, or for the treatment or prophylaxis of dysmenorrhea which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.